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P&G Case 8409

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of :  
John C. Molander et al. : Confirmation No. 6142  
Serial No. 09/773,241 : Group Art Unit 3761  
Filed January 31, 2001 : Examiner Michele M. Kidwell

For Absorbent Article With Tension-Dividing Side Panels

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO  
THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals under 37 CFR 1.191(a) to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the Examiner dated December 23, 2003 (Paper No.8) finally rejecting Claims 1-19. The fee for this Notice of Appeal is \$330.00 (37 CFR 1.17(b)).

A timely response to the final rejection has been filed.

The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003 in the above-identified application to permit filing this Notice of Appeal. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$110.00 for a one-month extension of time.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the above fees, or any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2480 in the name of The Procter & Gamble Company. An additional copy of this Notice is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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